GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri P.Jaganmohan Rao, FRO (Retd), – Article of Charge issued – Inquiry finalized and findings received – Imposition of penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of 5 years against retired charged officer - Show-Cause-Notice issued - Explanation received – Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 98 Dated: 10-09-2016

Read the following:

1. From the Prl.CCF Rc.No.39115/2012/Vig-3, Dt:03-01-2015.
2. G.M.No.5532/Sec.IV/A1/2014, dt:09.09.2015.
3. From the PCCF, Lr.No.39115/2012/vig-3(i), dt:19.12.2015.
4. G.M.No.5532/Sec.IV/A1/2014, dt:31.12.2015.
5. From the PCCF, A.P., Hyd, Lr.No.39115/2012/A&DC-2, dt:03.03.2016.
6. Govt.Memo.No.5532/Sec.IV/A1/2014, Dt:31.05.2016.
7. From the PCCF, A.P.,Hyd, Lr.No.39115/2012/A&DC-2, Dt:30.07.2016.
8. Govt.Lr.No.5532/Sec.IV/A1/2014, Dt:04.08.2016.
9. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.630/DC&C/2/2016, Dt.26.08.2016.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests has informed that an Article of Charge was issued against Sri P.Jaganmohan Rao, FRO (Retd), vide PCCF Rc.No.39115/2012-P1, dt.17.01.2013, on the following count:

Article:I That he has committed gross irregularities in recommending for issuance of NOCs for the areas falling in Reserve Forest, resulting in encroachment and attempt for legalization of encroachments in connivance with the encroachers.

2. The Charged Officer has submitted his defence statement on 28.01.2013. Not satisfied with his defence statement, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF), AP, Hyderabad appointed the Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry and Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna Division, Vijayawada as common Inquiry Officer and common Presenting Officer respectively, for conducting regular inquiry vide PCCF Proc.No.39115/2012/P(i&ii), dt.18.04.2013 & 24.04.2013.The Inquiry Officer conducted enquiry and submitted findings vide Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Rc.No.7767/2012/M8, dt.20.06.2014, wherein he has held the **charges proved**.

3. The findings of Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer vide PCCF Ref.No.39115/2012/Vig-3, dt.10.10.2014. The Charged Officer submitted his further defense statement on 15.11.2014.

4. Since the Charged Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation, hence the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of AP Revised pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government have observed that the charge framed against the Charged Officer is held proved and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of 5 years, against Sri P.Jaganmohan Rao, FRO(Retd) under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly, a Show-Cause- Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 6th read above. The Retired Officer has submitted his explanation to the Show-Cause-Notice through the reference 7th read above, wherein he has not put forth any fresh and valid points.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of 5 years, against Sri P.Jaganmohan Rao, FRO(Retd), under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.P.V.RAMESH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh,
Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).
Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Prl. Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.630/DC&C/2/2016, Dt.26.08.2016).
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SECTION OFFICER